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SUBJECT: BURNHAM INQUIRY RE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

REF: GEORGETOWN 1741

1. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, DURING OUR CONVERSATION AUGUST 26 (REF-TEL), INQUIRED CONCERNING THE CURRENT STATUS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WILLIAM MAGUIRE. I REPLIED THAT TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE SENATE STILL HAD NOT SET A HERING DATE. BURNHAM THEN SAID HE REMAINED CONCERNED OVER THE ALLEGATIONS THAT HAD BEEN MADE OF CIA LINKS IN MAGUIRE'S PAST. BURNHAM HURRIEDLY ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S VERY STRONG AND CATEGORICAL DENIAL HAD CONVINCED HIM THAT THE CHARGES WERE WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, WAS THAT "SOME OF MY BOYS" WERE STILL SUSPICIOUS AND SOME OUTSIDERS MIGHT STILL TRY TO EXPLOIT THE MATTER. HE THEN SAID THAT "YOU CANNOT EXPECT ME TO BE HIS PR MAN".

2. COMMENT: I DO NOT INTERPRET THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT BURNHAM IS SUGGESTING ANY CHANGES. RATHER HE WAS INDICATING THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE US DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATIONS, BUT WAS ALSO LETTING US KNOW THAT THE ISSUE HAS NOT YET BEEN LAID TO REST.
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